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Dear Mr. Sprague:

Our Ambassador in Taipei has been informed, in accordance with your letter I-15,098/7, of August 9, 1957, of the intended deployment of atomic weapons to Taiwan, beginning on or about January 1, 1958. He suggests that the Chinese Government be notified concerning this deployment shortly before the first weapons arrive, perhaps just as they are being loaded for shipment; Admiral Doyle agrees with this suggestion.

We shall plan to have Ambassador Rankin give the notification accordingly and shall appreciate it if you will inform us when the first shipment is ready to go forward.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary

The Honorable
Mansfield Sprague,
Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA).

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